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IN REPLY REFER TO: 3452 U-7949 (UT-923)

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MaryAnn Wright, Associate Director, Mining Utah Division of Oil, Gas, & Mining P.O. Box 145801 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

Dear MaryAnn:

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has completed our review of Plateau Mining Corporation's application to relinquish in full Federal coal lease U-7949. BLM is prepared to move forward with accepting relinquishment of this lease per Plateau's request of August 23, 2000. Our decision is based on a review of the administrative record.

BLM has determined that this relinquishment is in the public interest, that the accrued rentals and royalties have been paid and that all obligations of the lessee under the regulations and the terms of the lease have been met in accordance with 43 CFR 3452.1-3. If you have any comments or concerns that BLM should consider before the decision is made, please provide them on or before January 20, 2006.

Should you have questions, or need additional information, please contact Gregg Hudson at 801-539-4040.

Sincerely,

James F. Kohler

Chief, Solid Minerals Branch

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Steve Rigby (PFO) cc:

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